

Regular Meeting

Agenda Item #	9
Meeting Date	September 26, 2005
Prepared By	Capt. E. Coursey
Approved By	T. Wayne Hobbs Deputy City Manager

Discussion Item	Two reading Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a Non-channelized Bi-directional Amplifier (BDA) Antennae System.
Background	<p>The 800 MHz radios purchased by the City for use by the Police Department in conjunction with other public safety agencies on the Montgomery County Public Safety Communications System (PSCS) do not provide sufficient radio penetration to the basement level of the Municipal Building to provide reliable communications by officers when they are in the station. This is due to a combination of the low lying location of the building as well as the concrete, block and brick construction of it.</p> <p>The more common solution employed by the County in such situations has been a non-channelized BDA antennae system. The cost for installing this system in the Municipal Building is \$17,326.</p> <p>The City will use cooperative purchasing using the Montgomery County Contract with Teltronic.</p> <p>The County requires that all equipment that transmit on its network shall be manufactured by Motorola, Inc. to ensure system compatibility and stability. The Council granted a waiver of the City's Nuclear Free Zone Act provisions for this project on May 6, 2002.</p>
Policy	<p>Chapter 7 of the City Code provides that The City Council shall, by ordinance duly enacted, approve all expenditures of \$10,000.00 or more provided, however, that ordinances approving such expenditures may be enacted upon a single reading without being read at 2 meetings of the City Council prior to adoption, if each such expenditure is specifically authorized in the budget ordinance for the current year or an ordinance revising it and the cost of the procurement is equal to or less than the budgeted amount.</p> <p>Cooperative Purchasing. The City Administrator may enter into contracts or agreements for cooperative purchasing, as defined in Section 7.04.040 (F) of this chapter, without the requirement of competitive bidding by the City, provided that such cooperative purchasing meets all of the requirements of this division and Chapter 8A of this Code and is consistent with their provisions in every respect and that the cooperative purchasing agreement is subject to review and approval by the City Council by resolution prior to any actual purchase or purchases being made thereunder. (Prior code § 9A-13)</p>
Fiscal Impact	The City has secured funding for this project through reimbursable grant funding provided to Montgomery County under the State Homeland Security Grant Program

	<p>and (SHSGP) and Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP).</p> <p>The FY 06 Budget does not contain this revenue and will have to be amended to include these funds.</p>
Attachments	Two reading Ordinance authorizing the purchase and installation of a Non-channelized Bi-directional Amplifier (BDA) Antennae System from Teltronic.
Recommendation	Council adopt the ordinance at second reading.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by: Councilmember Austin-Lane

First Reading: September 19, 2005

Second Reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-31

AN ORDINANCE TO PURCHASE A BI-DIRECTIONAL RADIO AMPLIFIER

WHEREAS, the City has been provided grant funding through Montgomery County under the State Homeland Security Grants Program (SHSGP) and the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) ; AND

WHEREAS, approved uses under the grant include equipment that facilitates jurisdictional communications interoperability; AND

WHEREAS, the 800 MHZ radio equipment previously purchased by the City and currently in use does not receive or transmit from the lowest level of the Municipal Building, which hampers operational radio communications, particularly in regards to multi-jurisdictional uses; AND

WHEREAS, various radio engineering design alternatives have been explored, resulting in a cooperative purchase from Teltronic for a non-channelized bi-directional amplifier system being the best alternative; AND

WHEREAS, the City Council granted a waiver of the City's Nuclear Free Zone Act provisions for this project on May 6, 2002.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the City Manager is authorized to contract with Teltronic for the equipment and installation costs including labor for a non-channelized bi-directional amplifier system to be installed in the lowest level of the Municipal Building in order to provide two-way radio coverage for the lowest level of the building and charge the expense to the Special Revenue Account.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2005 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT: